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TOPIC Military Activities in the Northern Portion of the Soviet Zone 25X1

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

1. At 0830 on 25 March 1955, a column of 8 trucks with approximately 80 soldiers towing 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 5 trucks with soldiers and 1 field kitchen left the Flak Kaserne (5641) in Wismar and went toward the town. At 1000, the column was followed by 8 trucks with soldiers towing 8 x 85-mm AT guns, 6 trucks with soldiers and 1 field kitchen.

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2. On 27 March, it was learned that many Soviet soldiers bivouacked in the Burgstall state forest and the Weissewarthe Forest in the east portion of Letgling Heath. The approach roads to this area were blocked and guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. At 1845 on 27 March, a column of 16 trucks towing 122-mm field howitzers and occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 40 to 50 trucks ~~by soldiers~~ wearing full field equipment, 1 truck with 2 radio sets and 3 field kitchens passed through Briest and proceeded toward Tangerhuetten.

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Between 2030 and midnight, the noise of additional columns was heard from the Weissewarthe-Tangerhuetten road. At about 1000 on 28 March,

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it was determined that the units had left the Burgstall Forest. <sup>2</sup>

3. The following military shipments were entrained at the Haldensleben railroad station on 31 March and 1 April and went toward Magdeburg :

31 March. At noon, a shipment of approximately 20 trucks and 6 JS tanks.

1 April. At 2015, a shipment of 4 JSU-122 guns, 8 canvas-covered tanks, 22 trucks, 4 field kitchens and 18 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. It was noted that trunks of trees had been put under the tank tarpaulins, apparently in order to change the outlines of the tanks. <sup>3</sup>

4. At 1930 on 3 April, 16 x 85-mm AT guns and 15 trucks from the Flak Kaserne (2002) were entrained at the Brandenburg-Altstadt railroad station. After the loading, the installation was only 50 percent occupied. <sup>4</sup>

5. On 31 March, the following observations were made at the Wustrow AA firing range:

The buildings of the former German Flak Schule were partially destroyed. The Soviet units had been quartered in new wooden cantonment buildings. The Bauunion Rostock was constructing low brick buildings at the edge of the peninsula. The new buildings were difficult to observe. Two AAA emplacements, each with 4 medium AA guns, were located between the destroyed buildings of the former Flak Schule. Several times a day, the two batteries alternately fired ~~at the~~ the northwest. The barrels were elevated at a high angle. During the fire, the noise of aircraft engines was repeatedly heard. <sup>5</sup>

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1. Comment. According to the weapons observed, units of the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div departed. 25X1  

a total of 5 shipments left Wismar 25X1  
on 25 March for the eastern portion of the Letzling Heath, where  
a winter exercise of the reinforced 94th Gd Mtz Rifle Div began  
on 26 March  25X1
2. Comment. Major elements of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and 25X1  
corps troops of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps were unloaded in the  
area mentioned on 25 and 26 March.  25X1  
It is therefore assumed that a winter exercise of the reinforced  
division which  terminated 25X1  
in the area west of Stendal on 31 March, began in the eastern  
portion of Letzling Heath.  25X1  
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3. Comment.  tank details of 25X1  
the Eighth Gds Army from Gera and the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt from 25X1  
Glauchau returned, probably from firing practices at the Hillers-  
leben-Salchau firing range.
4. Comment. It is believed that this was a loading rather 25X1  
than an unloading.  a train with 25X1  
 went from Falkenberg to Brandenburg on 25X1  
3 April. The train presumably carried units of the 20th Army AT  
Arty Brig which returned to Brandenburg from the known command-  
post exercise, presumably of GSFG, at the Lieberose training  
grounds.  25X1
5. Comment. The construction of brick buildings at the 25X1  
Wustrow AAA firing range had repeatedly been reported.  
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